

WASHINGTON GRASS & LEGUME SEED CROPS



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The United States Department of Agriculture, Washington Field Office conducts surveys of grass and legume seed growers and handlers annually. These annual surveys are conducted to document the quantity and value of these regionally important crops. Approximately 300 growers and handlers throughout Washington State were contacted in regard to these surveys. Your response was greatly appreciated, and helps to establish the significant role these crops play in our State's agricultural economy.

GRASS & LEGUME SEED CROPS: ACREAGE, YIELD, PRODUCTION, PRICE, & VALUE

Crop & Year	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Average Price Per Cwt.	Value of Production
	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Alfalfa Seed					
2001	14,500	790	115,000	120.00	13,800
2002	14,000	850	119,000	120.00	14,280
2003	12,500	820	102,000	130.00	13,260
2004	12,500	860	107,000	110.00	11,770
2005	13,000	780	102,000	115.00	11,730
Kentucky Bluegrass					
2001	50,000	610	305,000	75.00	22,875
2002	48,500	600	291,000	65.00	18,915
2003	42,000	650	275,000	75.00	20,625
2004	47,000	740	350,000	80.00	28,000
2005	48,000	680	324,000	70.00	22,680
Other Grass 1/					
2001	10,500	570	60,000	65.00	3,900
2002	15,000	790	118,000	50.00	5,900
2003	16,000	720	115,000	60.00	6,900
2004	14,000	860	120,000	75.00	9,000
2005	14,000	770	108,000	80.00	8,640
State Total					
2001	75,000	640	480,000	85.00	40,575
2002	77,500	681	528,000	74.00	39,095
2003	70,500	698	492,000	83.00	40,785
2004	73,500	785	577,000	85.00	48,770
2005	75,000	712	534,000	81.00	43,050

1/ Includes Red Clover.

GRASS AND LEGUME SEEDS: BY COUNTIES, WASHINGTON, 2004-2005

Crop & County		2004		2005			
	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production	
	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.	Acres	Pounds	Cwt.	
Alfalfa Seed							
Franklin	500	700	3,500	600	550	3,300	
Grant	4,500	800	36,000	5,000	850	42,500	
Walla Walla	7,000	910	63,500	6,800	760	52,000	
Other Counties	500	800	4,000	600	700	4,200	
Total	12,500	860	107,000	13,000	780	102,000	
Kentucky Bluegrass							
Adams	4,000	950	38,000	4,100*	880*	36,100*	
Franklin	7,500	930	70,000	7,600	660	50,050	
Garfield	2,000	450	9,000	2,100	350	7,350	
Spokane	20,000	570	114,500	20,500*	580*	118,900*	
Whitman	2,000	480	9,500	2,200	550	12,100	
Other Counties	11,500	950	109,000	11,500	870	99,500	
Total	47,000	740	350,000	48,000	680	324,000	
Other Grass Seeds							
Franklin	3,000	830	25,000	2,900	700	20,400	
Spokane	1/	1/	1/	400	500	2,000	
Other Counties	11,000	870	95,000	10,700	800	85,600	
Total	14,000	860	120,000	14,000	770	108,000	
STATE TOTAL	73,500	785	577,000	75,000	712	534,000	

^{1/} Included in "Other Counties" to avoid disclosure.

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